

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Iva Mae Lavender  
Phillips of Oneida.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Iva Mae Lavender Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Iva Phillips was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Pearl Lavender and the late Ivan Lavender, Mrs. Phillips graduated from Sunbright High School as valedictorian in 1969; she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Arts from Tennessee Technological University with high honors; and

WHEREAS, Iva Phillips served with acumen and alacrity as the administrative manager of the District Attorney General's Office for the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District until her retirement; she previously served as an editor for *Morgan County News*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Phillips was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church of Oneida, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Iva Phillips was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Phillips enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, William Paul Phillips, and was the proud mother of Will (Sarah) Phillips; she will be lovingly remembered by her mother; her grandchildren, Everett and Evelyn; her brother, David (Jane) Lavender; her sisters, Ginny (Johnny) Pemberton, Bonnie Lavender, Helen (Wes) Pemberton, and Annabell (Jimmy) Robbins; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Iva Phillips leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Iva Mae Lavender Phillips, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Phillips.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.